

Conservation field day planned

A tour honoring Chuck Nelson Farms of Lexington, is planned for June 12, at 4 p.m. at the Nelson farm shop and will proceed to several outlying fields to observe wheat and barley culture, conservation practices, grass rotations, sod waterways, moisture conservation, and trashy fallow rotations.

Chuck farms 3,100 acres with most of it leased from relatives and neighbors. The majority of the farm is in a wheat/fallow rotation with 90 percent in winter wheat and 10 percent in winter barley. He is the third generation Nelson on this farm, which was started by his grandfather in 1913. Many of the sod waterways are still in place today. No moldboard plows have been used on his fields since 1918 because all tillage is designed to incorporate the latest in conservation farming machinery and techniques.

There will be a demonstration conducted by the Soil Conservation Service on straw residue requirements that are mandated by the 1985 Farm Bill. This demonstration will be conducted on a field that Chuck is preparing for winter wheat planting this fall. The tour will cover fields that are in wheat and barley production and the farming practices of each enterprise will be explained. Conservation practices such as sod waterways, trashy fallow, terraces, and water diversion ditches will be observed. In addition, Chuck will show part of his

180 acre perennial grass cover. Some of the perennial grass cover has been in place for 40 years on various Nelson Farm programs.

Chuck and his wife Lisa, a son Justin, 10 and daughter Courtney, six, are active partners in the farm operation. His philosophy on conservation farming is early seeding and minimum tillage that is maintained by chemical fallow and good conservation practices.

Other innovations on Chuck's farm include earth dams for draw bottoms and maintenance of 1,000 pounds of straw or stubble cover for each winter crop. His terraces are 100 to 110 feet wide on gradual slopes. His 10 year field average is 50 bushels per acre which is remarkable in an area that is low on moisture more often than normal. Chuck's farm is in the second year of drought that may have an effect on 1992 yield potential. But, with the excellent conservation practices on the Nelson farm, the crop production should be near maximum efficiency.

Following the field tour there will be a hosted barbecue at 6:30 p.m. to honor Chuck and his family as the Morrow County Conservation Farm winners for 1992. Come and join Chuck and his family on June 12 at their Lexington farm for this occasion. Tour direction signs will be posted to guide people to the ranch. Their farm is 2 1/2 miles northwest of the Lexington Grange on Pettys Canyon Road.

Fishing derby fun for everyone, good turnout



Trevor Rhea shows off his big bass he caught during the fishing derby. In the background are forest service personnel Craig Gutierrez and Al Scott.

Over 60 kids turned out for the fishing derby held Sunday, June 7, at the Willow Creek Reservoir in Heppner.

The derby, sponsored jointly by the U.S. Forest Service and the Heppner Lion's Club, was the fourth annual Heppner District event.

"We enjoy it," commented Craig Gutierrez, Forest Service Coordinator of the event. "The Forest Service and the Lions Club both support youth activities. This is only one of many things we do for the kids, but it's probably one of the most enjoyable."

Al Scott was the Forest Service representative for the event and Steve Rhea the Lions club representative.

Court Street Market and Forest Service employees supplied beverages for the young fishermen. Frito-Lay donated chips and the Lion's Club purchased "99 percent" of the prizes, said Gutierrez. Prizes ranged from small tackle to rod and reel combinations. Gutierrez said that very few kids went away without catching anything.

David Piper landed the largest crappie at five ounces, Cheri Jones took the largest bass at 15 ounces and Krystal Nairns the

largest trout at 10 ounces.

Other combined totals follow: Crappie four and under: first-Emily Bergstrom, second-Justin Gregory, third-Krystal Nairns.

Age 5-7: first-Chelsea Bredemeier, second-Stephanie Shank, third-Matt Young and Adam Bergstrom.

8-10 year olds: first-Brandon Young, second-David Piper, third-Trisha Adams.

11-13 year olds: first-Caleb McDaniel, second-Jessica Maben, third-Jennifer Burkenbine.

Bass four and under: first-Emily Bergstrom, second-Krystal Nairns.

5-7 year olds: first-Timothy Judd, second-Joshua Gutierrez, third-Cody Judd.

8-10 year olds: first-Cheri Jones, second-Paula Spicerkuhn, third-Trisha Adams.

11-13 year olds: first-Jennifer Burkenbine, second-Phillip Spicerkuhn, third-Caleb McDaniel.

Trout four and under: first-Krystal Nairns; 5-7 year olds first Kiel Nairns.

Casting contest winners names were not available at presstime.

Certificates and prizes that were not picked up have been mailed, Gutierrez said.

Guest lecturers to speak in Heppner

The Heppner Ranger District will host two guest lecturers from Lewis and Clark College on Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Heppner Ranger Station office.

Dr. Don Balmer and Dr. John Maxwell, both political scientists, will speak. "It's not very often that we are fortunate enough to have such excellent caliber speakers come to the town of Heppner," said Delanne Ferguson, district ranger. "Doctors Balmer and Maxwell were kind enough to offer to come speak to our employees, and I thought the community might enjoy this opportunity as well."

Dr. Balmer will speak on "The Columbia River Development: The Other Big Kids on the Federal Block (Corps, BPA,

Bureau of Reclamation) and Their Problems". Dr. Balmer has been a consultant, lecturer and advisor to various local, state and political campaigns. He has been active in the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, has won awards for public administration, and has done much public service work with migrant farm labor education and ministries.

Dr. Maxwell is from Scotland and will speak on "Europe 1992-Integration and Disintegration; some implications for the United States economy and budget of a United Europe and the collapse of the Soviet Empire". Dr. Maxwell taught at the University of Edinburgh, and was vice-chairman of the Scottish National party at one time.

The public is invited to attend.

Bible school to begin at local churches

The annual joint Vacation Bible School sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church, Hope Lutheran and United Methodist Churches will begin Monday, June 15 at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church.

"Together in Jesus Name" is the theme for the program. The program will run Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:15 a.m. There will be singing, arts and crafts, Bible stories and snacks. Children ages four through fourth grade is encouraged to attend.

Bottles and cans will be collected at the Methodist and Lutheran churches to help defray cost of the materials. Those attending will be making a quilt based on the theme of the program.

Children are urged to bring commercially prepared canned or non-perishable food items each day. On the last day the food will be given to the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County. To register call Sheryl Etchison 676-9224 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Baptist to begin Bible school

Lexington Baptist Church is sponsoring a Bible school program for kids four years through sixth grade June 15-19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The church is located at 160 "B" Street in Lexington.

The theme "Jesus Is Our King" is a program filled with adventure featuring fun, crafts, music and active Bible learning. "By visiting different palace places each day, children will

learn about King Jesus and how they can be more like Him as they experience the parables He told," said a church spokesperson. "They will learn that King Jesus is loving, caring, forgiving, and available to meet our needs. Also, they will discover that His words are true and that knowing Him is the most important thing in this life."

For more information call the church 989-8555.

Class of '47 plans reunion

The class of 1947 is planning their 45th reunion on Friday June 12 at the Heppner Elks Club.

The festivities will begin with happy hour at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Dinner will follow at 7 with a dance at 9 p.m. Brunch will be served at 9 a.m. Saturday at Kate's Pizza and Pastry.

Former Heppner High School alumni are invited to attend.

Summer reading program underway

The 1992 summer reading program for kids will get underway this Saturday June 13 at the Heppner Public Library.

The program for kids preschool through seventh grade will

run until August 8.

The Heppner Library's hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday. The library is closed Sunday and Friday.

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Livestock club members compete

By Anne Morter

Four members of the North Lex Livestock Club made an impressive showing at the Oregon Wheat League Junior Livestock show held May 28-31 in Tygh Valley. The show brought together over 200 competitors from around the northwest to

compete with their hogs, lambs and steers on both confirmation and showmanship.

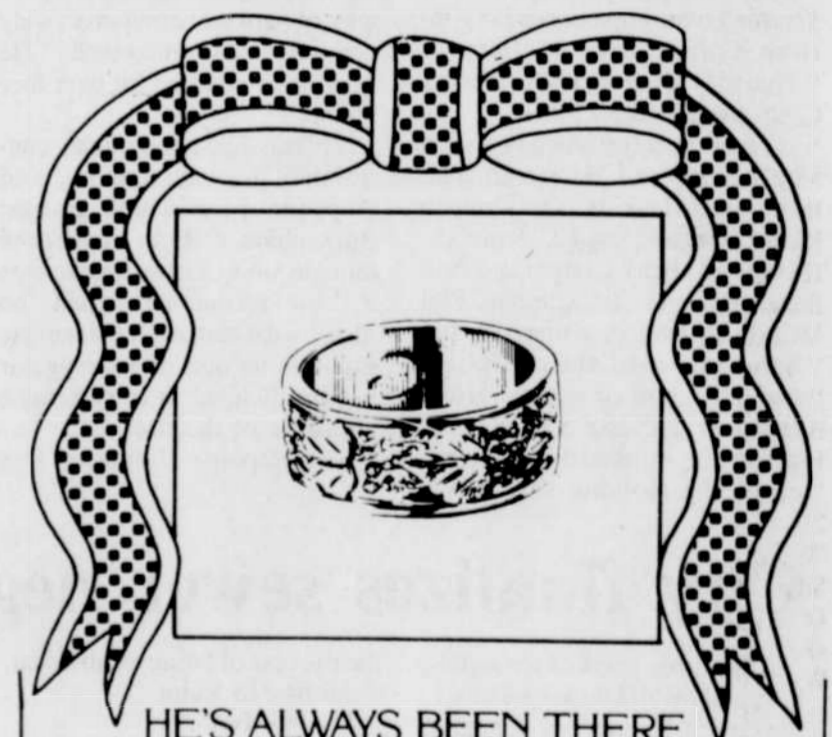
The North Lex group, consisting of Justin Miller, Kara Miller, Jessica Krebs and Luke Swanson, entered hogs in the competition. In confirmation judging, Justin Miller took the reserve champion award and no one in the group finished lower than fourth in their class.

Kara Miller was named the champion showman in her age group class.

The group as a whole also won two awards. They were first in the "group herd" category, where all the animals from each 4-H club are put in one pen and a judge looks at them as an entire herd. They also placed second in herdsmanhip, based on the cleanliness of their animals and pens and overall conduct throughout the show.

"The kids did really well," said leader Jim Swanson. He noted that the show's location in remote Tygh Valley provided a fun environment for the group, giving them a chance to meet kids from all over and also gave them valuable show experience.

The Morrow County Judging Team placed first at the show. Brent Wright, Char Coe and Kelli Ashbeck were the team members and are from Heppner's FFA group.



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